

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Kindly amend the following specification paragraphs as shown:

On page 4, amend the first full paragraph to read as follows:

Beneath ~~channel ceramic material~~ 3 there is additional insulation 5 in the form of, for example, firebrick. The entire temperature equalization zone rests on supports in the form of a steel beam 6. Above roof 4 there is also additional insulation 7, 8, in the form of firebrick for example.

On page 7, amend the second full paragraph to read as follows:

Immediately upstream of the tap-off point there are, arranged in a known manner, usually nine thermocouples 35-43 that form a matrix 44 located in channel 1 and used to measure the temperature distribution in the glass melt. Preferably, these thermocouples 44 are connected to the microprocessor. Consequently, the microprocessor can be arranged to issue an a warning signal when the temperature distribution is not sufficiently uniform.